

BORROWE IS READY TO FIGHT.

Prepared to Meet Drayton Under Any Conditions.

His Alleged Plan to Wed Mrs. Drayton and Her Contingent Millions.

The Drayton-Borrowe scandal has assumed a new phase since the publication of the statement by Mr. Harry Vane Milbank, in which he endeavored to exonerate his principal from the charges of cowardice and lying made against him by Mr. Drayton. There is a possibility now that a duel may take place after all, if Mr. Borrowe desires to vindicate his character as a man of courage, and Mr. Drayton still holds to the views expressed when he challenged Borrowe in London.

Mr. Milbank is authorized by the statement that Borrowe is now willing to fight Drayton and would be glad to do so. He says: "I think Mr. Borrowe would meet Mr. Drayton, or meet anybody, to obtain satisfaction for the charges of cowardice and untruthfulness which have been made against him. In fact, I am sure he would."

As for himself, Mr. Milbank avers that he stands ever ready to accept entire responsibility for his own conduct.

Mr. Drayton is thus given an opportunity to take the satisfaction which was denied him by the sponsors of his antagonist when he was trying to arrange a meeting abroad.

It is believed that in view of the new offer of Borrowe, made through his second, Milbank, that Mr. Drayton could no longer remain silent, but will be forced to vindicate his position by accepting Borrowe's offer to fight under any conditions.

The affair has therefore taken on new interest, and future developments in the case will be eagerly awaited. If it should develop to fight, the question as to where the battle would take place would be somewhat difficult to decide.

There are various obstacles to a meeting in the vicinity of New York, and even in this country it is not improbable that they would have to go back again to the friendly soil of France to carry out hostile intentions.

According to the statements of an intimate friend of the Astor family, made to THE WORLD'S LONDON correspondent, the publication of the scandal was a shrewd move by Borrowe to bring about an absolute divorce for Mrs. Drayton, in order that he might wed the lady himself.

He took advantage of Mr. Drayton's challenge, it is stated, to put matters in such a shape that, while the lady's name would be surely compromised, it would in the end give him a stronger hold upon her and operate to his own advantage.

Mrs. Drayton has an annual income in her own right of \$35,000 from property valued at \$500,000, which was absolutely settled upon her by her father at the time of her marriage.

Drayton at that time was supposed to be worth \$300,000, but it is said that he lost all this several years ago in speculation, and has since been living on his wife's money.

Under the much talked of agreement of separation, which it is declared was actually drawn up by the lawyers representing Mr. Drayton and his wife, the husband is now receiving for his own use one-third of the income. The stipulation that Mrs. Drayton should not see Borrowe, or communicate with him, was a part of this agreement, and in this condition was broken the \$12,000 a year which was to go for the support of the three children should be paid to Mr. Drayton himself. He is said to be now receiving this sum, in addition to the \$35,000 which his wife allowed him for his private expenses.

The theory is that Borrowe, by bringing about a divorce suit, would be able to have the agreement declared void on the ground that it was an arrangement between man and wife not contemplated by the common law, and that when Mrs. Drayton once got possession of her entire income he would marry her himself, and besides obtaining the use of this money would perhaps come in for a share in the Astor millions when they should be finally distributed.

It is said, however, that William Astor, the father of Mrs. Drayton, has the absolute disposition of the millions now under his control, and that he can leave them to his other children and cut off Mrs. Drayton without a cent if he is so disposed. His other children are Mrs. Orme Wilson, Mrs. James Roosevelt Roosevelt and John Jacob Astor. Another daughter, Mrs. Van Alen, is dead, but she left two or three children.

It is said that the Astor family regard Mr. Borrowe's pretensions with horror, for they have always disliked the young man personally, and now that he has made this family scandal public their aversion for him is greater than ever.

It is a curious fact that when Borrowe's name was before the governors of the Union Club Mr. Drayton appeared as his second. It is stated that Borrowe was rejected by an overwhelming vote.

BIG DROP IN NEW ENGLAND.

Prices Fall All Along the Stock Exchange.

WALL STREET, Friday, April 1.—New England and American Sugar stocks were under the hammer to-day, and dropped 3 points or more. New England was affected by the increased aggressiveness shown by the New Haven management, and it is evident that the shrinkage in prices has caused the liquidation of a big bull account.

The drag in sugar was due to the announcement that a bill is about to be introduced to take off the duty of a half a cent on refined sugar.

The stocks were attacked with so much confidence that finally the whole market gave way. New England declined from 47 1/2 to 45 1/2, and American Sugar from 80 1/2 to 77 1/2. Lake Shore from 13 1/2 to 13, and Missouri Pacific from 39 1/2 to 38 1/2. Southern Pacific preferred from 11 1/2 to 11.

Wall Street Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Sugar Ref.	80 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
American Cotton Oil	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
American Tobacco	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
American Express	100	101	100	100
Am. Ice	100	101	100	100
Am. Lumber	100	101	100	100
Am. Oil	100	101	100	100
Am. Paper	100	101	100	100
Am. Rubber	100	101	100	100
Am. Steel	100	101	100	100
Am. Sugar	100	101	100	100
Am. Tea	100	101	100	100
Am. Tobacco	100	101	100	100
Am. Wine	100	101	100	100
Am. Wool	100	101	100	100
Am. Yarn	100	101	100	100
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